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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S PROPOSED VISIT TO THE U.S.

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1. PLEASE CONVEY TO HUSSEIN OUR REGRETS THAT A MEETING
WITH THE PRESIDENT IS NOT POSSIBLE DURING THE MAY 25 -
JUNE 4 PERIOD HE HAS PROPOSED. PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING
MAJOR POINTS:

-- THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS EXTREMELY FULL DURING THIS
PERIOD. THERE ARE A FEW LONG-COMMITTED FOREIGN VISITORS
TO RECEIVE, AND THERE WILL BE A NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN
WASHINGTON MAY 30-31. IN ADDITION, MANY IMPORTANT WORLD
SECRET

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LEADERS WILL BE COMING TO NEW YORK TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL
GA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT BEGINNING MAY 23. SOME OF THE
LEADERS PROPOSING TO ATTEND THAT CONFERENCE HAVE ALREADY
SOUNDED US OUT ON A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THAT
PERIOD. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE UNABLE TO SEE ADDITIONAL
FOREIGN LEADERS BEYOND THOSE HE LONG AGO COMMITTED HIMSELF
TO SEE DURING THIS PARTICULAR PERIOD, AND THIS HAS BEEN
CONVEYED TO ALL CONCERNED.

-- WE HOPE, HOWEVER, TO HAVE A FUTURE MEETING TO REVIEW THE

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES,
INCLUDING JORDAN'S MILITARY PROGRAM.

-- WE HOPE THAT HIS MAJESTY WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED. FOR
OUR PART, WE ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR RELATIONS
WITH JORDAN AND TO THE PERIODIC MEETINGS WHICH HAVE BECOME
TRADITIONAL BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY AND THE PRESIDENT. HIS
MAJESTY HAS BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES FOR
A LONG TIME. WE INTEND THAT THIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION
CONTINUE.

-- WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT AT THIS TIME EXACTLY WHEN SUCH
A MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE, BUT WE WILL BE IN TOUCH.

-- AS HIS MAJESTY IS AWARE, AMBASSADOR ATHERTON IS GOING
TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO CONTINUE TALKS. HE WILL BE ARRIVING
IN EGYPT ON APRIL 21 AND WILL BE THERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.
HE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO GO ON TO ISRAEL BUT IT NOW
LOOKS AS THOUGH DAYAN WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON SOMETIME
NEXT WEEK. IN SUCH CASE ATHERTON WILL RETURN DIRECTLY
FROM CAIRO TO WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS WITH
DAYAN. ATHERTON'S TALKS IN CAIRO, AND OUR TALKS WITH
DAYAN, WILL FOCUS ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND
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GUIDELINES FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. OUR OWN IDEAS ARE
STILL NOT CRYSTALIZED FIRMLY AND WE HAVE THIS WORK TO DO
WITH THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS.

-- WE INTEND TO BRIEF HIS MAJESTY ON THESE DISCUSSIONS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN ACCORD WITH OUR CUSTOM OF EXCHANGING
VIEWS SYSTEMATICALLY AND REGULARLY WITH HIS MAJESTY. CHRISTOPHER
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